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please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 243.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 243 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 34 was a bill introduced by Senator Thompson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Thompson, you are recognized to open on the advancement of LB 34.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 34 was introduced at the request of the Department of Motor Vehicles. And the bill is in response to two things; one is that the language regarding organ and tissue donation in our current statute refers to do you want to make an anatomical gift. Clearly, the language that we're used to hearing on this is more direct, saying, do you want to be an organ and tissue donor? And this was a suggestion of the Nebraska Organ and Tissue Donation Task Force that we should bring our language more in line with what currently is being stated when people discuss organ and tissue donation. Second is we passed LB 704, in the 1999 session, to implement an interactive driver's license system in Nebraska. The department looked through the current language. This is a way to streamline and improve its services in...in its technology transfer and make the process for the driver's license application information that's transferred to the department in Lincoln work more smoothly and eliminate some duplication. The interactive driver's license process looked at what's currently on the application and also made the recommendation that the language should be updated and revised. And so what the bill does is change the old language, that's a little more cumbersome and lengthy, into three new questions. First, do you want to be an organ and tissue donor? Second, do you wish to receive any specific information regarding organ and